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SUBJECT: AFRICAN UNION SUMMIT - A/S CARSON MEETING REQUESTS

11. (U) This is an action message. See paragraph 4.

12. (U) Summary: Assistant Secretary Johnnie Carson will lead the United States delegation to the African Union summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from January 30-February 2, 2010. Action addressees are requested to inform their host governments that A/S Carson would like to meet bilaterally with their head of delegation during the summit. If asked, info addressees may share information about the composition of our delegation with host governments. All addressees are requested to seek information about the composition of host government delegations and delegation contact information in Addis Ababa.

13. (U) A/S Carson will lead the United States delegation to the African Union summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from January 30-February 2. The delegation will be comprised of the following principals:

- Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs
- Michele Gavin, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for African Affairs, National Security Council
- Jonathan Gration, Special Envoy for Sudan
- Howard Wolpe, Special Advisor for the Great Lakes
- Earl Gast, Acting Assistant Administrator for Africa, USAID
- Akunna Cook, Special Assistant to A/S Carson
- Cameron Hudson, Office of the U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan
- Miriam Estrin, Office of the U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan
- James Yellin, Deputy to Special Advisor Wolpe
- Sarah Swift, Office of African Development Planning, USAID
- Ryan Bowles, Office of African Regional and Security Affairs, State
- Samantha Lasry, Office of African Regional and Security Affairs, State

14. (U) Action Request: Action addressees are requested to notify host governments that Assistant Secretary Carson would like to meet bilaterally with the head of their delegation on the margins of the summit. Posts should also tell host governments that the U.S. Mission to the African Union in Addis Ababa will be in touch with their government's mission

there. The point of contact in Addis Ababa for scheduling is USAU Acting DCM Joel Maybury. He can be reached by email at MayburyJF@state.gov, and by telephone at either 251-11-517-4000 (office) or 251-91-150-6748 (mobile).

¶5. (SBU) Meetings are sought with the following persons. Please do not share information about A/S Carson's other appointment requests with host governments or others.

- African Union: Chairman Ping and Deputy Chairman Mwencha
- Burkina Faso: President Campaore
- Cameroon: President Biya
- Chad: President Deby
- Cote d'Ivoire: President Gbagbo
- Democratic Republic of the Congo: President Kabila
- Ethiopia: Prime Minister Meles
- European Commission: Director-General Manservisi
- France: Stephan Gompartz or the Head of Delegation
- Guinea: Head of Delegation
- Kenya: Head of Delegation
- Liberia: President Johnson Sirleaf
- Malawi: President Mutharika
- Nigeria: Vice President Jonathan
- Rwanda: President Kagame
- Somalia: President Sheikh Sharif
- Tanzania: President Kikwete
- Uganda: President Museveni

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- United Kingdom: Baroness Glenys Kinnock, Minister for Africa

¶6. (U) All addressees (action and info) are requested to seek information about their host government's participation in the African Union summit as follows:

- Composition of delegation
- Contact information in Addis Ababa
- Arrival and departure times
- Lodging information in Addis Ababa

¶7. (U) Responses are requested by January 22. Please send responses via front channel cable to Washington and to USAU Addis Ababa using the SIPDIS caption, and slug for AF/RSA attention Ryan Bowles and Laura Griesmer. In addition, please email your response to Ryan Bowles (BowlesRE@state.gov) and Joel Maybury (MayburyJF@state.gov). We understand that some countries will be unable to share information by the deadline. Negative responses are requested in those cases.

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